

STATISTICS PROGRAM

The North Carolina Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service compiles current and historic statistics concerning agriculture in the State. Where possible, information most often requested by farmers, the general public, and workers in government agencies are included.

Reporting of crop and livestock statistics is a service provided to farmers and others in the State by the National Agricultural Statistics Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture in cooperation with the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

The collection and dissemination of agricultural statistics had its start in 1863. This is one of the oldest activities of the United States Department of Agriculture. It was recognized that there were many advantages of a joint relationship between the State and Federal Governments in the development of agricultural statistics. Thus, in 1919 the N.C. Department of Agriculture

entered into a cooperative agreement with the U.S. Department of Agriculture to provide detailed agricultural statistics. The agreement resulted in the creation of the Agricultural Statistics Division of the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

The North Carolina Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service publishes official statistics on crops, livestock, prices, and various other agricultural items. The most important reports and the approximate dates of releases are shown in the table below. The reports marked with an (*) are issued separately and are only available at www.ncagr.com/stats. All others are included in the monthly release entitled "Farm Report". These reports are free and available by writing to: Director, Agricultural Statistics, P.O. Box 27767, Raleigh, NC 27611 or E-mail at: ncagstat@ncmail.net. Current and historical data series can be found at www.nass.usda.gov, and using the "Quick Stats" feature.

STATISTICAL REPORTS PROGRAM		
TYPE OF REPORTS	FREQUENCY OF REPORT	APPROXIMATE DATE AVAILABLE
CROP REPORTS		
Intentions to plant	Annually	End of March
Production of Field Crops, Fruits & Vegetables	Monthly (In Season)	9-12th
Grain Stocks (All Positions)	Quarterly	Jan. 10, End of Mar., June, Sept.
Annual Crop Summaries - Small Grains Other Field Crops	Annually	September 30, January 12
WEATHER-CROPS REPORTS	Weekly * (monthly: Jan. & Feb.)	Monday, 4:00 pm
LIVESTOCK REPORTS		
Cattle & Milk Cow Inventory, Jan. 1	Annually	Beginning of February
Calf Crop	Annually	Beginning of February
Hog and Pig Inventory and Pig Crop	Quarterly	End of Mar., June, Sept., Dec.
Commercial Slaughter	Monthly	20th
Meat Animals - Farm Production, Disposition & Income	Annually	End of April
DAIRY REPORTS		
Cows Milked & Milk Production	Quarterly	Mid-Jan., Apr., July, Oct.
Milk Production & Disposition	Annually	End of April
POULTRY REPORTS		
Broiler Report	Weekly *	Wednesday, 3:00 pm
Poultry Inventory, Dec. 1	Annually	End of January
Eggs, Chicken, and Hatchery	Monthly	22nd
Turkeys Raised	Twice Per Year	August 20, January 10
Poultry Production, Disposition, & Income	Annually	April 28
ECONOMIC REPORTS		
Prices Received By Farmers	Monthly	End of Month
Prices Paid By Farmers	Annually	April 30
Labor, Wage Rates	Quarterly	3rd Week Feb., May, Aug., Nov.